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Applicant: Joachim Hossick-Schott Examiner: William T. Leader
Serial No.: 10/058, 437 Group Art Unit: 1742
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Title: METHODS OF ANODIZING VALVE METAL ANODES

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the final Office Action mailed April 8, 2003 having a shortened three-month statutory period for reply set to expire on June 7, 2004. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in advance of the expiry of the period for reply.

Pursuant to the Office Action claims 1-40 are pending in the application, claims 1-3, 10-12 and 27 stand rejected; claims 4-9, 13-26, and 28-30 stand objected to; and claims 31-40 stand withdrawn from consideration.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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